

Risk-Based Security

About TSA Security Evolution

TSA's screening process has evolved from a post 9/11 one-size-fits-all security approach to an intelligence-driven, risk-based strategy. TSA risk-based security practices expedite screening for known and trusted travelers at security checkpoints while focusing resources on high-risk and unknown passengers.

Now, nearly a million passengers experience some form of expedited screening on a daily basis.

One-Size-Fits-All Approach

- All passengers

Before, travelers had to remove:

- Shoes
- Belts
- 3-1-1 liquids bag
- All outerwear
- Laptop from bag

Risk-Based Security Practice

- TSA Pre✓® participants including DHS Trusted Travelers
- Seniors 75 and older
- Children 12 and younger
- Members of the U.S. Armed Forces including those serving in the National Guard and reserves
- Cadets and midshipmen of the U.S. Military Academy, Naval Academy, Coast Guard Academy and Air Force Academy, Merchant Marine Academy

Now, most travelers may keep on:

- Shoes
- Belts
- 3-1-1 liquids bag
- Light jacket/outerwear
- Laptop

❗ TSA incorporates unpredictable security measures throughout the airport and no passenger is guaranteed expedited screening.

TSA Pre✓®

TSA Pre✓® is an expedited screening program that makes passenger risk assessments prior to arrival at an airport checkpoint. The program has expanded to more than 180 airports with more than 400 application centers open nationwide. TSA will continue expanding TSA Pre✓® to increase the population of known and trusted travelers to ensure the most efficient and effective security possible.



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